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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.3136-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Tatsuhiko IKEHATA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2622  
)  
Serial No.: 10/658,408 ) Examiner: Lam, Hung H.  
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Filed: September 10, 2003 )  
) Confirmation No.: 3213  
For: DIGITAL STILL CAMERA AND )  
USER INSTRUCTION INPUT )  
METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In an Office Action dated March 9, 2007, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following species for prosecution:

Species 1 - Figures 1-4

Species 2 - Figures 5-9B

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species 2 (Figures 5-9B) without traverse. Claims 6-14, 16, and 17 are readable on the elected species.

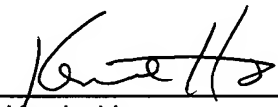
Applicants note that the Office Action contains numerous statements reflecting apparent assertions concerning the application and claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is addressed specifically herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any assertions or characterizations set forth in the Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 9, 2007

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